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In re Application of
DENTON, Richard Rex *et al*
U.S. Application No.: 10/019,243
Filing Date: 21 December 2001
Attorney Docket No.: 2458-4042US3
For: METHODS FOR OBTAINING AND
USING HAPLOTYPE DATA

**DECISION ON
PETITION UNDER
37 CFR 1.182**

This decision is in response to applicants' petition filed via facsimile on 27 June 2002 requesting to convert the above-captioned national stage application to an application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which is treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and is hereby **GRANTED** as follows.

Applicants originally submitted this application as a national stage filing pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application PCT/US00/17540 on 21 December 2001 which included a copy of the international application and a preliminary amendment. However, applicants filed five separate national stage applications of the aforementioned international application.

As stated in the decision mailed 14 June 2002, this is not permitted. A proper response would be to file a petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182. Accordingly, applicants request that the above-identified application be treated as a patent application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) has been accorded.

All required fees including the petition fee of \$130.00 (Fee Code 122), the basic filing fee of \$740.00 (Fee Code 101), an additional claim fee of \$252.00 (Fee Code 103), and a multiple dependent claim fee of \$280.00 (Fee Code 104) will be charged from Deposit Account No. 13-4500 as authorized.

Any period of adjustment to the term of a patent under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(May 29, 2000) may be reduced by the period of time beginning on the filing date accorded under 35 U.S.C. 11 and ending on the mailing date of this decision. See 37 CFR 1.704(a).

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) with a filing date of **21 December 2001**.

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